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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS: JOSE LIMON DANCE COMPANY

1. JOSE LIMON DANCE COMPANY GAVE FIVE PERFORMANCES IN OUTDOOR THEATER IN PORT CITY OF PIRAEUS. TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 3300 REASONABLE GIVEN RELATIVE LACK OF INTEREST IN MODERN DANCE, AND LOCATION OF THEATRE IN PIRAEUS, 20-30 MINUTES OUTSIDE ATHENS. AUDIENCES HOWEVER VERY INTENT AND RESPONSIVE AND EVENT CAN BE CONSIDERED SUCCES D'STIME.

2. COMPANY PRESENTED TWO PROGRAMS; FIRST, FOR THREE NIGHTS; SECOND, FOR TWO NIGHTS. "THE MOOR'S PAVANE", IN BOTH PROGRAMS, MOST FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY CRITICS. "ORFEO" AND "THE UNSUNG" A PIECE ON AMERICAN INDIANS WITH NO MUSIC, WERE ALSO WELL RECEIVED, THOUGH SOME FELT "UNSUNG" TOO LONG

3. PRESS COVERAGE EXTENSIVE. USIA FIRLM, "LIMON'S LEGACY" SHOWED ON GREEK TV AND PRESS CONFERENCE. MANY ADVANCE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON LIMON AND COMPANY, EVEN IN PAPERS CRITICAL OF U.S. ALL REVIEWS FAVORABLE, ONE STATING THAT DANCING BEST OF SUMMER, AND ANOTHER THAT IT WAS THE FIRST SUCH EXCELLENT AND REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN DANCING SINCE GRAHAM WAS HERE 12 YEARS AGO. DEMONSTRATION/LECTURE BY MS. CURRIER AND TROUPE AT BNC PROVED EXCELLENT WITH AUDITORIUM FILLED BY DANCERS, STUDENTS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND A FEW CRITICS

4. COMPANY'S MISSING PIPES CAUSED US TO RENT SAME AT
CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE. WE DID NOT HAVE PROGRAM UNTIL SHORTLY
BEFORE OPENING, WHICH CAUSED SOME PROBLEMS. SEVERAL MEMBERS
OF COMPANY ILL AND FATIGUED WHILE HERE BUT NOW ARE WELL
AND RESTED.
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